



CAMBRIDGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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The editor will try to publish newsletters in future by mid-December and by the end of April and August, although during the present Covid-19 restrictions dates may well vary. Newsletters since that for the August 2014 edition are also available as a pdf file from the Society website, under 'Newsletters' on the web site.

INTRODUCTION

This is a special edition to update members on what has been decided given the Covid 19 outbreak and the various restrictions which have been imposed by the government.

If any member is on email, and has not received this newsletter by email, but would be happy to receive future newsletters and communications by email then would you please let the secretary know at; info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk; this will help save on both postage and paper costs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS UPDATE

Three out of the four Officers of the Society, plus Rufus Barnes who is the Chair of the 2020 sub committee met on Wednesday 13th May by Zoom Conferencing to discuss a range of issues. The outcome of those discussions has already been emailed to the full committee; of those who have responded, which is the majority, all have been in agreement with the decisions which have been made.

It is planned to have a further full committee meeting, again by way of Zoom Conferencing, on Wednesday 3rd June 2020.

ACTIONS FROM RECENT CONFERENCE MEETING RATIFIED BY COMMITTEE

General;

- (i) The cancellation of the society evening meetings through to the end of August 2020
- (ii) Assuming that meetings can take place in the evenings from September to December 2020 that these will all be member type evenings and unlikely to include any visiting speakers.
- (iii) Member subscriptions are renewed as normal from 1st September 2020
- (iv) Bring forward the two annual competitions to September and October this year, but give members the opportunity to submit photocopies, either by email or mail to the secretary and in turn pdf files produced to enable remote judging by external judges ahead of the Special November dinner.
- (v) The Annual General meeting, due to be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 19th June 2020 actually takes place then by way of a Zoom remote conference. Please see comments below.



- (vi) Consideration be given to a new page on the society website, or separate link thereto, to have member short displays made available just to the members
- (vii) All committee members be invited to take part in Zoom conference committee meeting say at 11.00 am on Wednesday 3rd June 2020

2020 Celebrations;

- (i) Proceed as if everything will take place as arranged
- (ii) Fall back position to postpone dinner to say June 2021 if Covid situation prevents November dinner from being held.

Annual General Meeting

- (i) All committee members please confirm to secretary that they are willing to stand again for another year.
- (ii) Names(s) of any member who is willing to stand on the committee, not currently an elected committee member
- (iii) All curators please submit an email report to the secretary and also confirm they are willing to continue for another year.
- (iv) Details of any issue any committee member wishes to raise at the AGM, not already on the standard AGM agenda.

Please see the specific comments below on a few of the above issues.

IMMEDIATE FUTURE MEETINGS; CORONAVIRUS: COVID -19

Members are already aware that due to the impact of COVID-19, and given the background information issued by both the government and the health authorities in mid March we did postpone the 20th March 2020 meeting and either postponed or cancelled all meetings through to the end of May 2020.

The decision has now been taken to either cancel or postpone evening society meeting for the months of June, July and August 2020.

MEETINGS; September 2020 through to end January 2021

As already indicated all meetings for the months of September 2020 through to the end of January 2021 will be member type evenings thus not involving any outside visiting speakers.

A one page summary will be included setting out the information in full.



COMPETITION EVENINGS

The closing date for the competition evening which is usually held on the first Wednesday in November will in fact be **Friday 18th September 2020**. Entries for this date will include; Postal History, Great Britain, Cinderella, First Timers and Open Class.

Please note; entries are to be submitted by way of attachments to an email to the CPS email address (see end of newsletter), posted to or placed through letterbox of secretary, or handed in on the evenings of either 3rd or 18th September 2020 at Oddfellows Hall.

The closing date for the competition evening which is usually held on the third Friday in February will in fact be **Friday 16th October 2020**. Entries for this date will include; 35 Year Trophy, Transportation of Mail, Thematics, Foreign, Commonwealth and 16 sheet competition on any subject listed within the rules.

Please note; entries are to be submitted by way of attachments to an email to the CPS email address (see end of newsletter), posted to or placed through letterbox of secretary, or handed in on the evenings of either 18th September, 7th October or 16th October 2020 at Oddfellows Hall.

All competition entries will be submitted within 48 hours of each of the deadline dates by email to an agreed judge(s) and be marked remotely.

In the event that meetings cannot be held in Oddfellows Hall during either September or October then the competitions **WILL** still take place.

It is hoped that winners will be announced at the Centenary Dinner on Friday 6th November 2020, when ideally all entries will be on display.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 19th June 2020 at 7.30 pm by way of remote Zoom Conferencing. Details of web site and log-in requirements will be advised to members nearer the date.

Enclosed with this Newsletter will be a detailed agenda for the meeting and also minutes of the 2019 AGM.

Members will also be sent the various reports by email and any other matters of relevance ideally at least a week before the AGM date.



OTHER MATTERS

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

For the time being all meetings and events have been suspended.

2020 CELEBRATIONS

As already advised the **Society lunch** is due to take place on **Friday 6th November 2020 at the University Centre, Granta Place, Cambridge at 1.00pm**. More details of this latter event will be made available in due course.

May I take this opportunity to say that the Society committee trust that all member will stay free of the COVID-19 virus.

PJM 21st May 2020

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**Cambridge Philatelic Society; Provisional Programme;
1st September 2020 to 31st January 2021**

Date	Presenter	Subject
Weds 2 September	Simon Kelly	President's display
Fri 18 September	Member' displays	Letters T, U, and V
Fri 18 September	Deadline date for first set of competition entries	
Weds 7 October	Graham Wylde	GB
Fri 16 October	Member' displays	Letters W, X, Y and Z
Fri 16 October	Deadline date for second set of competition entries	
Weds 4 November	Peter Morton	Modern GB definitives
Fri 6 November	Centenary Lunch 1.00 pm University Centre, Cambridge	
Fri 20 November	Tony Crowther	British Levant PH
Weds 2 December	Christmas Social	
Fri 18 December	No meeting at present	
Weds 6 January	John George	Indian States
Fri 15 January	Rufus Barnes	To be advised